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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PORTLAND OR
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...THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3-9 IS WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK
IN THE IN IDAHO...OREGON...AND WASHINGTON.....

...WIND STORM AWARENESS IN WESTERN OREGON AND
WASHINGTON...

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST MAY NOT GET HURRICANES...BUT IT DOES
GET HURRICANE FORCE WINDS.

THE BEST EXAMPLE WAS THE NATIONS STRONGEST NON-TROPICAL
WIND STORM EVER...THE COLUMBUS DAY STORM OF 1962. THIS STORM
PRODUCED HURRICANE FORCE WINDS THROUGHOUT WESTERN
OREGON AND WASHINGTON. WINDS OF 150 MPH ...CATEGORY 4
HURRICANE FORCE WINDS...BUFFETED THE OREGON AND
WASHINGTON COASTS THE STORM CLAIMED 46 LIVES...INJURED
HUNDREDS MORE...KNOCKED POWER OUT FOR SEVERAL MILLION
PEOPLE AND DAMAGED OR DESTROYED THOUSANDS OF
HOMES...SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES.

WIND STORMS THAT PRODUCE WINDS OF AT LEAST 70 MPH OCCUR AT
LEAST EVERY DECADE IN WESTERN OREGON AND WASHINGTON. SOME
OTHER GREAT WIND STORMS OF THE PAST INCLUDE THE GREAT
OLYMPIC BLOWDOWN OF 1921...THE NOVEMBER 13 AND 15 1981 TWIN
WIND STORMS AND THE INAUGURATION DAY WIND STORM OF 1993.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT WIND STORM? WIND STORMS
PRODUCE DOWNED TREES AND POWER LINES...POWER
OUTAGES...AND BLOWING DEBRIS. FALLING TREES AND BLOWING
DEBRIS CAUSE MOST FATALITIES.

BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR THREE DAY PREPAREDNESS KIT READY AT
HOME ...SCHOOL OR AT WORK. THE KIT SHOULD INCLUDE WATER AND
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD FOR EACH PERSON...AN AM/FM WEATHER
RADIO AND FLASHLIGHTS WITH EXTRA BATTERIES...VITAL
MEDICATIONS...SLEEPING BAG AND BLANKETS AND CLOTHING.

IN ADDITION...INSPECT YOUR HOME AND GROUNDS EACH YEAR SUCH
AS FOR NEARBY TREES AND YOUR ROOF AND WINDOWS. ENSURE
TREES ARE HEALTHY AND TRIMMED...AND YOUR HOME...SCHOOL AND

BUSINESS ARE STRUCTURALLY SOUND. THESE PRECAUTIONS WILL
HELP ENSURE YOU ARE READY FOR THE NEXT BIG BLOW.

THIS MESSAGE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL
WEATHER SERVICE STAFF AND YOUR LOCAL AND STATE EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS.

